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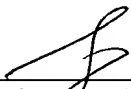
The amendment presented above was originally proposed in an after-final Amendment dated 5 March 2002. However, the Examiner chose not to enter that amendment. In the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decided on 28 December 2006, the Board stated that the Applicants may now request entry of the amendment proposed on 5 March 2002. See Note 2, page 4 of the Decision. Therefore, this paper requests entry of the amendment proposed in the after-final Amendment dated 5 March 2002.

The amendment presented herein is the amendment first proposed in the after-final Amendment dated 5 March 2002. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter the present amendment.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney for any remaining issues.

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